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Polynomial Factoring solution (version 698)

1. The quadratic formula says if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. Use the quadratic formula to solve the following equation.

$$x^2 + 2x + 19 = 0$$

Simplify your answer(s) as much as possible.

Solution

$$x = \frac{-(2) \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(1)(19)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-(2) \pm \sqrt{4 - 76}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-72}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-36 \cdot 2}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-2 \pm 6\sqrt{2}i}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm 3\sqrt{2}i$$

Notice that i is NOT under the square-root radical symbol!!

2. Express the product of $-8 - 9i$ and $2 - 3i$ in standard form $(a + bi)$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} & (-8 - 9i) \cdot (2 - 3i) \\ & -16 + 24i - 18i + 27i^2 \\ & -16 + 24i - 18i - 27 \\ & -16 - 27 + 24i - 18i \\ & -43 + 6i \end{aligned}$$

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3. Write function $f(x) = x^3 + 11x^2 + 36x + 36$ in factored form. I'll give you a hint: one factor is $(x + 6)$.

Solution

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & 11 & 36 & 36 \\ -6 & & -6 & -30 & -36 \\ \hline & 1 & 5 & 6 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (x + 6)(x^2 + 5x + 6)$$

$$f(x) = (x + 6)(x + 3)(x + 2)$$

4. Polynomial p is defined below in factored form.

$$p(x) = -(x + 5) \cdot (x + 1)^2 \cdot (x - 4)^2$$

Sketch a graph of polynomial $y = p(x)$.

